

READ THE RULES FOR SENDING MAIL

Assistant Postmaster Whittle
Urges Legible Address,
Careful Wrapping.

CHURCHES TO CELEBRATE DAY

Fun Begins Tonight for the
Baptists—Arrangements
at Schools.

Address all packages plainly.
Put your name and address on each
one.
Wrap each package securely.
Don't try to send written matter
with merchandise at merchandise rates.
This is the advice of Assistant Post-
master Whittle to those who are send-
ing Christmas presents through the
mail.

"It seems," said Mr. Whittle to a
reporter for the University Missourian,
"that some persons will do almost any-
thing to save a few cents' postage.
When a person presents a package at
the window to be weighed, the best
way is for him to tell the clerk just
what it contains; then the clerk will
know exactly what is the required post-
age."

The "Christmas mail" began to flood
the Columbia Postoffice Saturday and
has gradually increased since then. It
will keep on increasing until after
Wednesday, which day, Mr. Whittle
thinks, will be the busiest of the week.
Another stamp window has been pro-
vided to meet the rush and three extra
men are on duty. One to take charge
of the temporary stamp window, an
additional clerk at the money order
window, and an additional city carrier.

Beware Written Matter.

After the admonition to write ad-
dresses correctly and legibly, Mr. Whit-
tle emphasizes most the warning not to
disregard the ruling of the department
in regard to the sending of written
matter. He said that the officials of
the Postoffice Department are coming
to be more suspicious of packages sent
as second-class matter, as offenses
against the law are frequent, especially
while so many Christmas packages are
being sent. The fine for the first of-
fense is \$10, and it is surprising how
many people will take the risk either
through negligence or intentionally.
He added, "We caught a preacher here
not very long ago. He said there was
no writing in the package and there
was a letter in it."

The Postoffice will be open from 9
to 10 a. m. Christmas Day.

Church Entertainments.

The advent of Santa Claus to Colum-
bia this year will be amply celebrated
for the benefit of the young folk, es-
pecially in the churches and schools.

The first Christmas exercise of the
week will be held at the Baptist
church tonight. The program consists
of Christmas songs and exercises by the
primary department, speaking by sev-
eral of the older members, and a candy
pulling.

At the Christian church the time-
honored Christmas tree will be the cen-
ter of attraction. The program will
be given on Christmas eve, and will
consist of a talk by Prof. Sharpe of
the Bible College, several exercises by
the children, and a treat for the young-
er members of the Sunday School.

The Methodist Sunday School will
celebrate on Wednesday evening, Dec.
23, with a Christmas tree and other
appropriate exercises.

The school children of Columbia are
preparing to have Christmas exercises
in their different grades. At the Jef-
ferson school all the grades will unite
and give a Christmas tree. The fourth
and fifth grades of the Benton school
will entertain the seventh grade. At the
Lee school the first four grades will
unite in an entertainment and a tree.
The other grades will celebrate togeth-
er.

Y. M. C. A. Christmas Party.

The annual Christmas jollification of
the Christian Associations of the Uni-
versity of Missouri, for students who
remain in Columbia during the holi-
days, will be held Friday evening, be-
ginning at 7 o'clock. Owing to the
large number expected to attend, the
gathering will be in the women's par-
lors of Academic Hall, instead of in
the Y. W. C. A. house as originally
planned.

Student Meeting in Sedalia.

Students in the University of Mis-
souri from Sedalia are requested to
meet in a body in the auditorium of
the Sedalia High School Thursday,
to attend the Christmas exercises.

ALTON, ILL., MERCHANTS OFFEND STUDENTS BY RAPPING "DINKY" CAP

Business Men Send Hat to Shurtleff
College—Boys Hold Indignation
Meeting.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—Conflict be-
tween the student body of Shurtleff
College of Upper Alton and the busi-
ness element of that altitudinous burg
would not surprise the inhabitants,
since it is known that the collegians are
exhausting their vocabularies in an ef-
fort to find scathing words to denounce
the business men for a criticism of
their "dinky" college caps.

Recently a package was delivered at
the college. It contained a hat, and
bore a notation to the effect that the
town would look better if the major
portion of it, composed of students,
would invest in a more pretentious
style of headgear. The note was signed
"Upper Alton Business Men."

The students held an indignation
meeting forthwith, and resolutions were
its fruit.

The students informed their critics
that caps with a goodly shock of hair
were sufficient to protect the craniums
of college men, while hats would serve
to better advantage on the bald pat-
es of their traducers. The boys ended
their resolution with an admonition to
the business men to tend strictly to
business and keep hands off college
affairs.

SUNSHINE OUT TODAY IN SHEATH GOWN FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Continuation of This Ideal Weather is
Promised by the
Forecaster.

The lemons received by Sunshine
from the Christmas tree last evening
evidently did not "sour" her against
any of her friends. She appeared to-
day in her usual fair-weather garb, and
promises to be out again tomorrow.
The official forecast is:

"Fair tonight and Wednesday."

The temperature at 8 a. m. was 16
degrees; at 2 p. m., 41.

SCORES TEACHING METHOD

Dr. Hill in St. Louis Denounces "Get-
Knowledge-Quick" System.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Dr. A. Ross
Hill, president of Missouri University,
put his foot down on the "get-knowl-
edge-quick" system of teaching, in his
address Sunday before the Ethical So-
ciety in Memorial Hall. "We want
commercial men to know more geogra-
phy and economics than they get with
the stenography and bookkeeping they
learn in commercial colleges," he said.
Professor Hill said American com-
mercial life must be studied to be un-
derstood, and that it can never be
learned through a course of book-
keeping.

"When a student is pushed into busi-
ness life from a business college he has
only the mechanical idea of the work,"
said Dr. Hill. Dr. Hill's subject was,
"The Adaptation of Educational Insti-
tutions to the Needs of the People." He
endorsed the present public school
system.

Crisis in Mine Workers' Union.

By United Press.
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—President
Lewis of the United Mine Workers has
sent out to every local in the union a
notice that a crisis is coming at the
convention in January. He declares a
deliberate attempt will be made to de-
stroy the power and usefulness of the
union and promises sensational revela-
tions at the meeting.

Castro Wholly Eliminated.

By United Press.
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 22.
—Venezuelan messages say that the
elimination of Castro is regarded as
complete. The appointment by Gomez
of a new cabinet after ousting Castro's
ministers is the culminating step. The
people believe that settlement with Hol-
land will be made soon.

Head of N. Y. Central Resigns.

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—W. H. New-
man, president of the New York Cen-
tral and Hudson River Railroad Com-
pany, has tendered his resignation, to
take effect Feb. 1, providing a success-
or is chosen. Mr. Newman has spent
forty years in the service of the rail-
roads, and intends to take a long rest.

Kentucky Editor Weds at Sturgeon.

Cards have been received in Colum-
bia announcing the marriage of William
Clarence Speer, editor of the Hickman
(Ky.) Courier, and Miss Margaret
Ellen Stoltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
John Stoltz, of Sturgeon, Mo. The
marriage took place at Sturgeon Sun-
day, Dec. 20.

"DEAR SANTA:"



JUDGE LAWSON WANTS ANGORA CAT CHRISTMAS

Columbians Tell What They'd Like to Find in
Their Stockings Friday—President Peeler,
Million Dollars and Pianos Tuned.

What do you want for Christmas?
Reporters for the University Mis-
sourian asked a score of persons this
question yesterday, representing the
educational, official and business life of
Columbia. Here are some of the an-
swers received:

Judge John D. Lawson: "I would
rather have an Angora cat than any-
thing else for Christmas. I am a great
lover of cats. I had a fine Angora last
year but he died and I'm looking for
another."

Dr. Caroline Stewart: "Anything in
the line of jewelry would suit me bet-
ter than anything. Second only to this
would be ice-cream and plenty of it,
and a coconut pie to go with the ice-cream."

President W. B. Peeler, of Step-
hens College: "I would like to
have a \$1,000,000 endowment to Step-
hens College and all the pianos tuned.
If I get these I will be happy all the
rest of my life."

Dean H. B. Shaw: "I want a new
Engineering building for the depart-
ment."

Dean J. C. Jones: "I'd like to have,
for the people of Columbia at large, a
new Wabash depot. For my personal
gratification I would like a remedy to
prevent students of the department
from leaving school before the holidays
begin."

Mrs. A. Ross Hill: "I don't know
what I want."

Dr. Eva Johnston: "I want some
rolls like they have in Berlin for my
Christmas breakfast. Yes, and I want
some one to present me with a full
knowledge of Sanskrit."

Mrs. L. N. Fitch: "I want to have
the old family reunion once more. This
is the first year that I have missed our
Christmas tree and I would give any-
thing in the world if we could all be
together."

Mayor E. C. Clinkscales: "I'm like a
little boy—I just don't know exactly
what I do want, except peace and
prosperity for the community."

E. W. Stephens: "I want an opti-
mistic mind to keep me from worrying
during 1909."

Miss Theodosia Wales: "Give me a
subscription for any amount towards
the Y. W. C. A. house."

Dr. H. W. Canter: "You'll have to
ask my wife."

Dr. Otto Dunkel: "I'd like a raise
in salary."

W. K. Stone: "I want health and
happiness for my family."

Mrs. George B. Macfarlane: "I am
studying German in the University,
and want a German 'pony' more than
anything else this Christmas. Next to
that I want enough money to build
dormitories for the girls and a Y. W. C.
A. building, and plenty of candy."

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller: "I want
thirty-six hours in the day instead of
twenty-four, and I want my children
to get good grades in school."

Mrs. Henry Jackson Waters: "The
height of my ambition has always been
to have some Persian rugs, and I hope
to get them this Christmas. In addi-
tion to this I want anything to fur-
nish a kitchen."

Mrs. Anita N. McAfee: "I want all
the sick to be restored to health, and
the poor to have a good time Christ-
mas."

R. B. Price: "I want more girls in

NO ISSUE OF MISSOURIAN TOMORROW; NEXT JAN. 6

This will be the last number of
the University Missourian during
1908. No paper will be issued to-
morrow. The next issue of the
University Missourian will appear
Wednesday evening, Jan. 6.

the University, more girls in Christian
College, more girls in Stephens College
—and I would not mind having more
girls in my home."

Dr. E. A. Allen: "I want a larger
library for the English department."

COLLEGE BASEBALL LEAGUE IS PLANNED

Association May Be Formed
of Schools in Missouri
Valley.

A press dispatch from Iowa City, Ia.,
tells of a plan under way to form a
Missouri Valley Baseball League, simi-
lar to the basketball system recently
adopted. Almost all of the colleges of
the Missouri Valley are said to be in
favor of the plan and the league prob-
ably will be organized in January.

The new league will have a northern
and a southern series and the two
winners will meet in a final series of
games for the championship.

Because of the hard blow such a
league would give the smaller colleges
of the Missouri Valley, such as Grinnell
and Cornell of Iowa and Washburn
College of Kansas, there is a probability
that the association will be enlarged to
include ten schools. If this is done, Washburn will be added
to the southern division and Grinnell
and Cornell to the northern.

Dr. C. W. Hetherington, when asked
whether he favored the plan, replied
that he knew nothing about it.

TO REPORT ON FARM LIFE

President's Commission Will Render
Account of Labors Jan. 1.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President
Roosevelt's commission to investigate
the conditions of country life has com-
pleted its examination and is preparing
a report to be submitted Jan. 1.

The commission will recommend var-
ious ways in which the government
can aid the farmers. It is expected the
President will recommend several laws
based on the report.

Gives Midnight Spread.

A "midnight spread" was given to
the students of the University of Mis-
souri living at 300 Waugh street, by
John Dahl, who had obtained many
Swedish things to eat for the occa-
sion. What the boys liked most was
"anchovies on knackerbrod." Fifteen
were present and all enjoyed the repast.

UP-TO-DATE FLAT FOR CATS AND DOGS

Building for Animals Here
Resembles Modern City
Apartment.

A JANITOR AND STEAM HEAT

Medical Department Also
Provides for Pigs, Rats
and Pigeons.

The popular expression of disgust,
"treated like a dog," will lose its mean-
ing in the Department of Medicine of
the University of Missouri, with the
opening of the new animal house, an in-
novation in the housing of animals for
laboratory purposes. It will be ready
for use early in January.

The building is rapidly being pre-
pared for its occupants—dogs, cats,
rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, pigeons and
other animals. Many of the features
of the modern city apartment house
will be in evidence—in miniature, of
course. Steam heat and a double veni-
lating system are among them. The
janitor will also be there. His duties
will differ from those of his city broth-
er, as he must feed his tenants and ex-
pect no tips from them.

A Lawn for the Tenants, Too.

The house is constructed of brick
with a limestone foundation, and is
neat and attractive, beside being well
supplied with doors and windows. The
dimensions are twenty by forty feet.
It is in the rear of the medical build-
ing, in one of the prettiest parts of the
campus. A yard for the use of the
animals will be added later.

There are three floors. The basemen-
t and first floor have entrances from the
outside. They have no direct communi-
cation with each other. The attic is
reached by means of a ladder and trap-
door from the first floor. This floor
and the basement are divided into two
main parts which are in turn subdivi-
ded into smaller apartments—the living
rooms.

Sanitary Plumbing System.

In this way sanitary conditions are
assured, and the task of feeding and
taking care of the animals is simpli-
fied. The basement and first floor are
furnished with steam radiators. Sanitary
plumbing, a double ventilator sys-
tem and a hospital room for the sick
animals are some of the innovations.
The house was especially designed by
the University architects to meet the
separate needs of the different occu-
pants.

For instance, the garret is not heat-
ed; hence animals that do not thrive in
warm rooms will be garret-lodgers.
Dogs, cats and other animals that re-
quire warmer rooms are kept on the
lower two floors. The manner in which
such ancient enemies as cats and dogs
and rats, will be assigned quarters to
preserve peace in the flat depends upon
the diplomacy and ingenuity of the jan-
itor.

The animal house with its comforts
is an example of the progress made by
the University of Missouri in the treat-
ment of animals for medical purposes.
According to a local authority on phys-
iology no better quarters for the hous-
ing of animals could have been provid-
ed.

SEVEN PERISH IN WRECK

British Cotton Steamer Irada Goes
Down off Irish Coast.

By United Press.
CUNHAVEN, Germany, Dec. 22.—
The captain and six of the crew of the
Irada, a British cotton steamer sailing
between Liverpool and Galveston, were
drowned today when the Irada was
wrecked off the Irish coast. Sixty-five
of the crew were rescued after hours of
torture, being cast upon a rocky shore.
It is feared that several of them are
fatally injured. The cargo including
50,000 bales of cotton was totally de-
stroyed.

LIPTON WON'T CHALLENGE

Yacht Club Balks at Size of Boat He
Wants to Build.

By United Press.
GLASGOW, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas
Lipton has announced that he will not
challenge for the international yacht
cup next year.

The refusal of the New York Yacht
Club to agree to the size of the boat
Sir Thomas wants to build is respon-
sible for his decision. He says he will
give up challenging until the club
changes its designs.

SANTA HANDS OUT LEMONS AS GIFTS

Dr. Manly Gets Bottle; Miss
Sherman, Two Nice
Sweaters.

A "HUNCH" FOR COACH MONILAW

Trousers for "Tubby" Graves,
Cigarette Tobacco for
Dr. Meriam.

Santa Claus arrived at the au-
ditorium last night in time to distrib-
ute a few choice presents among the
students and faculty of the University.
Before the presents were distributed
Santa requested any one in the audi-
ence who was offended to see "Puny"
Bluck outside. No one was offended.

One of the largest audiences that
has gathered in the auditorium this
year was present, to witness the open-
ing celebration of the Yuletide in Col-
umbia.

Music and Elocution.

A large Christmas tree occupied the
center of the stage. The quartet made
the hit of the evening by singing a
parody on "Big Night Tonight," in
which several members of the faculty
were mentioned. A reading by Dr.
John R. Scott and music by the band
completed the first part of the pro-
gram.

Santa Claus arrived about this time
and after amusing the audience with
an account of his trip to Columbia
from Labrador, he began the distribu-
tion of the "lemon" presents.

A list of some of the presents fol-
lows:

Two "M" sweaters for Miss Jessie
Sherman "for taking care of Gund-
lach."

A bottle of hair originator for "His-
tory" Perkins.

A bottle for Dr. W. G. Manly, pre-
sented as a book.

A "hunch" for Coach W. J. Monilaw.

A pair of pants for "Tubby" Graves.

A megaphone "for the use of Sperry
at the U. D. Club."

Capt. Frazier's Gift.

A manual of arms for Capt. Joseph
Frazier with a note referring him to
page 86 for instructions on mounting
stairs.

A "frat" pin for Earle Trullinger.

He also received a finger nail polisher.

A bill from the Y. W. C. A. to C. F.
Loomis for room rent at the Y. W. C.
A. House.

A can of lye for Driver.

An Edison record containing one of
"Arkansas" Hunt's mass meeting
speeches to Hunt.

A case of rhubarb for Stanley Sisson.

Dr. J. L. Meriam received a package
of cigarette papers, a sack of tobacco,
and a pair of red socks with the best
wishes for a blankety blankety Christ-
mas.

An order for a gallon of whisky for
Capt. Frazier.

A new record for Hunt.

The program closed with the singing
of "Old Missouri."

SEVEN SOLONS ACCUSED

Pittsburg Councilmen Are Charged with
Bribery—Bank Officials Involved.

By United Press.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—Seven coun-
cilmembers were arrested here today charged
with conspiracy, solicitation, and
bribery.

The directors of the Going National
Bank demanded the resignation of
President W. W. Ramsey and Cashier
A. A. Vilsak who are involved in the
charges. August A. Fravenheim was
elected president and J. W. Everman
cashier. Former officials are accused
of offering bribes to procure depository
money with their bank.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

Allows Claims and Discusses Budget
for Legislature.

The Executive Board of the Board of
Curators of the University of Mis-
souri is holding an all-day session in
the office of President A. Ross Hill to-
day.

The first work taken up by the Board
was the allowing of accounts. The
members then began discussing the
budget to be presented to the State
Legislature.

Earthquake Shakes Butte.

By United Press.
BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 22.—Six per-
ceptible earthquakes were felt here last
night.